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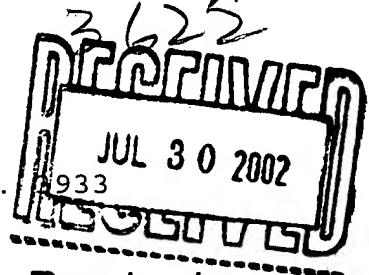
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants  
hereby make the documents listed below of record in the  
above-identified application.

U.S. Patents

Tozzoli et al. Patent No. 5,717,989	February 10, 1998
Togher et al. Patent No. 5,375,055	December 20, 1994
Trojan et al. Patent No. 5,297,032	March 22, 1994
Hartheimer et al. Patent No. 5,305,200	April 14, 1994

Copies of these documents are enclosed herewith.  
It is respectfully requested that these documents be:

(1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application.

Applicant requests that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate herewith), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

The U.S. Patents cited above were cited in a search report received in PCT Application No. PCT/US97/22423 which claims priority from the above-captioned patent application. A copy of the search report, dated March 26, 1998, is enclosed herewith. Further details about the search report and the patents cited therein, are provided in the Bollinger and Ruben declarations filed concurrently herewith and described in more detail below.

Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to events described in three separate declarations, enclosed herewith, made by the three inventors in the above-captioned application, and a binder, also enclosed herewith, containing documents referred to in two of the inventor declarations. Applicants also draw the Examiner's attention to events described in two separate declarations, enclosed herewith, of two attorneys, James Bollinger, Esq. and Bradley Ruben, Esq., who were involved in the prosecution of the patent application that issued as United States Patent No. 5,905,974 on May 18, 1999.

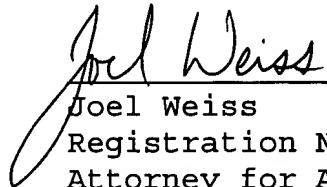
It is respectfully requested that these events, as described in the declarations, and binder of documents, be fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

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An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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